



## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The 4th of July holiday turned out fairly good for most folks. In this corner it was just plain good. With the day falling on Friday, our weekend was longer and not that much of an interruption to the routine of work. The weekend of July 4th is also the time for a traditional Cox reunion... a tradition which has now continued for... something around 133 or 134 years. The attendance was awfully low Saturday, even with some flying from Maryland, etc. Maybe it's the older generation dying and/or not able to travel, gas prices rising, etc. Also, younger folks are often just too busy and/or uninterested in reunions.

Something which happens each year is the collection plate to fund the next year's event. This year with the low attendance the old joke about passing the plate again became a reality. Of course many were later while passing through the minutes of some old reunions we noted that in 1952 a total of \$5.00 was collected for the "treasury." Either costs of living have increased enormously or our family "leaders" have really learned how to increase spending! Knowing the frugality of those who handle the money, we suspect it is the increased cost of living.

Oh yes, we were in attendance at that 1952 event. Our full name is there, including the Jr. part, even though dad had been dead for about ten years. Odds are we also got trouble for eating too much fried chicken and/or cake. It was the fault of those who always dared us go back to the table for refills!

Alabama Republicans need to return to the polls again Tuesday.

There are only a maximum of four run-offs to be decided on that side of the fence and the Democrats don't have anything to vote on. Just one of those races is local and it is limited to a single County Commission district. The turn-out is predicted to be ultra low... like less than 10%, so diehard Republicans, make your move!

A college degree, whether a two-year technical degree or a four-year university degree, is essential for today's children to compete successfully in the global economy in which we live. According to the 2006 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the average Alabamian with a college degree makes about \$18,000 more per year than the average Alabamian with just a high school degree.

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participate to 222 Fox Dr. (11:17 p.m.)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Fight in progress reported at 603 Kendrick St. (10:20 a.m.); Unwanted guest reported at 503 Putnam St. (4:45 p.m.); Property accident reported at the Marketplace parking lot (4:51 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 899 County Rd. 400 (9:50 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (10:37 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**

Burglary reported at the old Ford Tractor place (9:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1621 Carroll St. (10:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401 (12:41 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on 125 (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched on Cason St. (8:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing (5:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Fox Dr. (5:33 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 5169 Hwy. 84 (10:46 p.m.).

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**FRIDAY, JULY 4**

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1595 Powell Circle, Lot 29 (2:31 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1621 Carroll St. (10:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401 (12:41 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on 125 (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 7114 Hwy. 189 N. (11:08 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 5**

Domestic disturbance reported at 5169 Hwy. 84 (10:46 p.m.).

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### More incentive to save for college

Editorial by  
Treasurer Kay Ivey

A great example of what can be achieved when folks work with each other rather than at each other occurred during the regular session of the Alabama Legislature, and Alabama families came out the winners.

College graduates are also less likely to commit crime. These are all reasons why we should encourage Alabama's youth to make earning a college degree a personal goal.

Tell parents and grandparents all the ways that saving for college is more important than ever. Complete details on both programs can be found on the Treasury website, [www.treasury.state.al.us](http://www.treasury.state.al.us), or by calling 1-800-252-7232.

I thank the members of the Alabama Legislature for working with me to provide an incentive for parents and grandparents to take responsibility for their children's future. I ask all Alabamians to join me in being an advocate for college savings with those in your circle of influence.

**Alabama's third regulated alligator season registration now underway**

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) announced that Alabama's third regulated alligator hunting season will be held Aug. 15-18 and Aug. 22-25, 2008 in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and again at Lake Eufaula on Aug. 21-24, 2008.

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#### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 30, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for forgery, three for harassment, five for domestic violence, two for burglary, one for a domestic dispute, two for theft of property, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for assault and one for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for failure to appear and one for forgery.

The following citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, tan for not wearing a seat belt, one for a suspended driver's license and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

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# LIFESTYLES



*College President's Cup presented to Ian Campbell at EOCC*

During Enterprise-Ozark Community College's 35th annual Honors Day Assembly, EOCC President Dr. Stafford Thompson awarded the President's Cup to Ian R. Campbell of Enterprise.

The winner of the President's Cup also receives the James Browning Allen Outstanding Student Award. This award is given to the son or daughter of United States Senator James B. Allen and Jack L. Ray, Chairman and CEO, The Exchange Bank of Alabama, by their families. These two caring friends established this award in 1966 to recognize the greatness of Alabama's young people and is given in twenty-one community colleges in the state.

The President's Cup is given annually to the College's most outstanding student who must be a graduating sophomore. Activities, participation, leadership, and grade point average are all considered in the selection decision.

Ian Campbell is an animal science/pro-veterinary medicine major with a 3.8 grade point average. He is employed part-time at Animal Health Center in Enterprise.

His academic honors include President's List and Dean's List, President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, All-Alabama Academic Team, 2007-2008 Honor Student, EOCC President's Scholarship recipient, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, 2007-2008 Most Distinguished English Student, and 2007-2008 Most Distinguished Physics Student.

In addition, Ian is an active member in the EOCC Mentors, an organization of student hosts and hostesses, and the Student Government Association.

His community activities include volunteers for Adopt-an-Angel, County Speech Competition, Senior Olympics, Adopt-A-Mile, Relay for Life, Red Cross Blood Drives, through PTK and personal donations for the Department of Human Resources.

The faculty member who nominated Ian stated, "Ian is an example of how one can balance the responsibilities of life with those associated with student activities, community service, and rigorous educational pursuits. He has excelled in all areas."

Of an interesting nature, Ian's mother, EOCC's Director of Student Support Services Jennifer Campbell, was the recipient of the 1981 President's Cup. She was honored at the ceremony as this year's Professional Staff recipient of the Excellence in Education award.



At Enterprise-Ozark Community College's recent Honors Day Assembly, college president Dr. Stafford Thompson (left) presented the President's Cup award to Ian R. Campbell of Enterprise (left) with the assistance of Ian's mother, EOCC Director of Student Support Services Jennifer Campbell.

**Miller-Hilburn wedding to be held July 26**

Brian Britt Miller and Tracy V. Miller, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kayla Ann Miller of Elba, to Timothy DeWayne Hilburn, of Brantley, son of Billy Wayne Hilburn and Lisa Hilburn.

No invitations are being sent.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ELECT

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**FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE NO. 1**  
**BETH KELLUM**  
**LUCIE MCLEMORE**  
**FOR PRESIDENT,**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**TWINKLE ANDRESS CA-**

VANAUGH  
MATT CHANCEY  
FOR MEMBER,  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER,  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
FRANK (AI) BRITZ  
JASON F. BRUCE

This office runs by district and will not appear on all ballots.

### Qualifying open for 2008 local municipal elections

Candidates continue this week to qualify for local municipal elections set for Tuesday, Aug. 26.

In Elba and New Brockton, prospective candidates have qualified for the offices of mayor and city council member. Qualifying began Tuesday, July 1, and will continue until Tuesday, July 15, at 5 p.m.

Officials in both Elba and New Brockton indicated earlier

this week that they do expect additional qualifiers before next Tuesday's deadline. Those qualified to seek election (as of Tuesday, July 8, at 3 p.m.) included:

#### ELBA

Office of Mayor  
James Grimes  
City Council, District 1  
Tom Hooks  
John Larry "Popcorn" Gilbert  
City Council, District 2  
Larry Skinner  
City Council, District 3  
Terry Hudson  
City Council, District 4  
Harold Spicer  
City Council, District 5  
Ronnie Hammonds  
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Michael Jenkins  
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### Local CEO elected to office of state hospital association

Jeff Brannon, chief executive officer of Medical Center Enterprise, was named secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Hospital Association's (Alaha) board of trustees at its recent annual meeting.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Jeff Brannon serving as an associate officer," said Michael Hough, president of Alaha. "He has been a member of numerous association committees, chairing several of them, as well as serving as a board member. Jeff has been particularly helpful in our efforts to enhance our workforce activities and encourage young people to consider health care careers."

Brannon graduated from Troy State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He later began working at Flowers Hospital, while pursuing a nursing degree from Wallace Community College.

In addition to his statewide hospital leadership, Brannon has been active locally serving as immediate past chairman of Wallace Community College Foundation, campaign chairman for the Coffee County United Way in 2004-2005 and chairman of the Wiregrass United Way in 2007, an advisory board member for the Uni-

versity of South Alabama College of Allied Health Professions, a board member of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, the Coffee County Family Services Center, and Community Bank & Trust. He is also an active member of Hartford Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, an adult choir member and a Sunday School and deanship teacher.

The Alabama Hospital As-

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